

Yvonne Adhiambo Owuor

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Even though we've written epic poems and made incredible films about love, I still don't think anyone can understand what it is, or why it means everything.

~Yvonne Adhiambo Owuor

I think every morning we wake up offers a new beginning, a new way of stepping into the day. I think every conversation could be a new chance.

~Yvonne Adhiambo Owuor

Matters of the subconscious affect reality in ways we don't quite realize.

~Yvonne Adhiambo Owuor

For Kenya: we have a chance to start again each time we meet one another. The ghosts do not need to define the future.

~Yvonne Adhiambo Owuor

Every Kenyan writer has offered me something to hold onto, something to believe in.

~Yvonne Adhiambo Owuor

I don't think Kenya is the only country that tries to induce amnesia - it seems to be a global phenomenon. But offenses do not die. They do not disappear.

~Yvonne Adhiambo Owuor

Even if you're in charge of the grand story there's still memory. The other stories do not go away.

~Yvonne Adhiambo Owuor

I can edit into infinity. It's such a joy. I'd probably edit until the last word. Until there's only one word left.

~Yvonne Adhiambo Owuor

Burma evoked the lost Kenyan soldiers who served in the war. You never hear about them. There were a significant number of casualties, men who never came back home. But they're never commemorated.

~Yvonne Adhiambo Owuor

I like talking to myself and making patterns out of the letters of the alphabet on blank surfaces.

~Yvonne Adhiambo Owuor

It may not seem that way, but I am an absolute optimist, an unrepentant optimist.

~Yvonne Adhiambo Owuor

I get turned on by the idea of an essence - finding the essence of the thing.

~Yvonne Adhiambo Owuor

I come from a culture that has refined the art of the dirge to a sublime level.

~Yvonne Adhiambo Owuor

Dying away from home, away from the soil of your birth - and to do so unseen and unmourned - is a profound horror.

~Yvonne Adhiambo Owuor

Recording stories is a way of honoring the faculty of memory, even if it's recorded, outsourcing memory to technology.

~Yvonne Adhiambo Owuor

Novel-writing is a settling, lovely space. I call it self-indulgent - I feel mildly guilty about it.

~Yvonne Adhiambo Owuor

Kenya is an immense land with a capacity for healing.

~Yvonne Adhiambo Owuor

Even if we want to eradicate our ghosts, our dead, our murdered, even if you erase a name and the record of the existence of a person, somebody remembers.

~Yvonne Adhiambo Owuor

Kenya is a mercurial character. I feel the country has a presence that can turn on its people in a very violent way.

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